



Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

July 6, 2012

Rich Jones
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Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0570**

Dear Mr. Jones:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received July 3, 2012, and seeking all documents mentioning Z Backscatter Vans or "ZBVs," including ZBV S-Class, ZBV C-Class, and ZBV R-Class models, produced by American Science and Engineering of Billerica, Massachusetts.

After a careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request, as written, is not reasonably described, as it does not specifically identify the records which you are seeking with enough detail to enable employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. In addition to the information provided, your request description should include the specific DHS contract numbers of interest. If such contracts exist, you may find the associated contract numbers via the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS), which is accessible from https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng_cms/; accessed July 6, 2012. The FPDS allows for anyone to register and access records pertaining to all federal agency procurement actions, including the ability to run a variety of reports based on specified criteria.

Please be aware that DHS is decentralized and each DHS component has its own FOIA Officer. If detailed information on a specific contract is desired, please contact the FOIA Officer at the funding component directly with the specific contract number(s). A list of DHS disclosure contacts is available on our website from http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/Copy_of_editorial_0318.shtm; accessed July 6, 2012.

Please resubmit your revised request, containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking, directly to the DHS component that maintains the record(s) you are seeking. You should also provide a mailing address to which DHS may respond with any responsive records, if located.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request as it pertains to this office, and this case will be administratively closed. Please be advised that this action is not a denial of your request and will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future.

Your request has been assigned reference number **DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0570**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at our toll-free telephone number, 866-431-0486, or at 703-235-0790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lasko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Lasko" clearly distinguishable.

Linda Lasko
FOIA Program Specialist